

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action:

Claims 1-7, 10-22, 25-28, and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,957,397 to Hawkins et al. (“Hawkins”).

Claims and 35-44 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being obvious in view of Hawkins.

Summary of the Response:

Independent Claims 1 and 22 have been amended in a manner that is consistent with wording that Applicant suggested to the Examiner in the interview of July 9, 2008.

Substance of Interview of July 9, 2008

Applicant thanks the Examiner for granting an interview on July 9, 2008. During the interview, Applicant discussed the cited art and explained the nomenclature of the claims and how the nomenclature distinguishes the claimed invention from art on record. As a result of the interview, Applicant agreed to amend independent Claims 1 and 21 in the manner presented. It is Applicant’s understanding that agreement was reached with the Examiner that Claims 1 and 21, as amended, would overcome the art of record. No agreement was reached on the remaining independent claim.

Reconsideration of the rejections put forth in the previous action is requested, in view of the amendments and arguments presented.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if there are any issues that remain to be resolved prior to allowance of the claims.

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Please charge deposit account 50-1914 for any underpayments in connection with this Office Action response.

Respectfully submitted,
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